Local, area deaths

James Otto McCullough dies

James Otto McCullough, 55, of Texarkana, Ark., died Tuesday in a local hospital.

Funeral arrangements are pending at the Hanner Funeral Home in New Boston, Tex.

Mr. McCullough was born Dec. 10,1915, in Simms, Tex., and was an employe of Satterfield Oil Co.

Survivors include four sisters, Mrs. R. F. Slider of Simms, Tex., Mrs. F. F. Henderson of Texarkana, Mrs. J. C. Smith of Hobbs, Tex., and Mrs. Earl Parriette of Fort Worth, Tex.; two brothers, George Mc-Oullough of Nowata, Okla., and Lou McCullough of Texarkana.

MRS. PEARL HILLIARD

ATLANTA, Tex. — Funeral arrangements for Mrs. Pearl Ina Hilliard, 62, of Bloomburg, Tex., who died Monday, are pending with Hanner Funeral Home in Atlanta.

MRS. BERTHA L. EDWARDS

Mrs. Bertha L. Edwards, 91, of 4004 Park Rd., Texarkana, died at 7:50 p.m. Tuesday in a local hospital.

Funeral arrangements are pending at East Funeral Home.

Mrs. Edwards had lived in Texarkana the past 86 years. She was a member of the First Christian Church.

Survivors include a son, Frank Edwards of Texarkana; a grandchild, Mrs. Ann Edwards Bennett of Little Rock, Ark., and five great-grandchildren.

MRS. BEULAH MESSER

STAMPS, Ark. — Mrs. Beulah Messer, 89, of Minden, La., died Monday night in a Minden hospital.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday in the Smith Funeral Home Chapel in Stamps with the Rev. Robert Johnson officiating. Burial will be in Lakeside Cemetery in Stamps.

Mrs. Messer was a longtime resident of Stamps, and was a member of the Stamps First United Methodist Church.

Survivors include a son, Wilburn Messer of Greenbelt, My., a daughter, Mrs. Earl Long of Minden; a half-brother, A. D. Musgrave of Shreveport, La.; three half-sisters of Calif., five grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild.

JAY EASLEY

Jay Easley, 66, of 2010 W. 17th St., Texarkana, Tex., died Tuesday in a local hospital.

Funeral arrangements are pending at the Smith-Bates Funeral Home in Mt. Pleasant, Tex.

Mr. Easley was a retired railroad worker.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Ora Easley of Texarkana; a son, Charles G. Easley of Houston; a brother, Lloyd Easley of Lowell, Ariz.; a sister, Mrs. Mildred Hammonds of Cooksville, Tex.; two grandchildren; and a number of nieces and nephews.

MRS. INEZ S. HARRISON

IDABEL, Okla. (Special) — Services for Mrs. Inez Spencer Harrison, 75, of Broken Bow, Okla., who died Monday in her home, will be at 2 p.m. today in the Norwood-Welch Funeral Chapel in Broken Bow.

Burial will be in Denison Cemetery in Idabel.

MRS. CHARLES PUCKETT

Services for Mrs. Charles H. Puckett of Amarillo, Tex., who died Monday morning in Amarillo, will be at 10 a.m. today in the Polk Street Methodist Church in Amarillo. Burial will be in an Amarillo Cemetery.

MRS. MIMIE SMITH

CLARKSVILLE, Tex. (Special) — Services for Mrs. Mimie Smith, 65, of Clarksville, who died Sunday afternoon in a Norman, Okla., nursing home, will be at 11 a.m. today in the First Baptist Church in Clarksville.

The Rev. Wayland Boyd will officiate.

Burial will be in Lanes Chapel Cemetery.

A. E. WARMACK

IDABEL, Okla. (Special) — Services for A.E. Warmack, 61, of Idabel, who died Monday morning in a Texarkana hospital, will be at 2 p.m. today in the First Presbyterian Church in Idabel.

The Rev. Eugene Strickland will officiate.

Burial will be in Denison Cemetery.

COLUMBUS R. WELCH

Columbus R. Welch, 83, of 1100 E. 36th St., Texarkana, Ark., died at 10:27 a.m. Tuesday in a local hospital.

Services will be at 4 p.m. Thursday in East Memorial Chapel with Father Richard Allen officiating. Burial will be in Hillcrest Cemetery.

Mr. Welch had been a Texarkana resident for 16 years. He was a retired employe of Shell Oil Co. and a member of St. James Episcopal Church.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Irene Welch of Texarkana; three sisters, Mrs. Lois W. Woodard of Alexandria, Va., Mrs. C. E. Fiser of Paducah, Ky., and Mrs. Nellie McNeeley of Brentwood, Mo.; a brother Thomas Welch of Calif.; a grandchild, Mrs. Arenna Lee Gibbons of Westfield, N.J.; two great-grandchildren; and a number of nieces and nephews.

MRS. HALLIE ROBARDS

Graveside services for Mrs. Hallie Lynn Robards of Dallas, Tex., formerly of Texarkana, will be at 4 p.m. today in Hillcrest Cemetery with the Rev. Alan Farquhar officiating.

MRS. GRACE ARNOLD

Mrs. Grace L. Arnold, 61, of Atlanta, Tex., died at 12:45 p.m. Tuesday in a Texarkana hospital.

Funeral arrangements are pending at the Texarkana Funeral Home.

Mrs. Arnold was born Dec. 28, 1909, in Maud, Tex. She was a member of the Maud Primitive Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband, Otis Arnold of Atlanta; a step-son, Truman Arnold of Texarkana; a brother, Herman H. Helms of Maud; three sisters, Mrs. Pearl Morgan of Killeen, Tex., Mrs. Fay Monroe of Fort Worth, Tex., and Mrs. Novell McClurg of Maud; and three grandchildren.

CANINE CULPRIT

LEEK, England (UPI)—A resident Sunday solved the vanishing milk bottle mystery. He saw a dog carry a bottle from a doorstep, smash it on a sidewalk and lap up its contents.

FORREST R. SANFORD

Forrest Randolph Sanford, 45, of Norwalk, Calif., died Tuesday, June 8, in Norwalk from injuries received in a car wreck.

Services were at 10 a.m. Saturday in Norwalk Missionary Baptist Church. Burial was in Little Lake Cemetery in Norwalk.

Mr. Sanford was born Feb. 21, 1926, in Bonham, Tex.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Wilma Sanford of Norwark; three sons, Roger Sanford of Norwalk, Paul Sanford in Germany with the U. S. Air Force, and Larry Sanford in Germany with the U. S. Army; two daughters, Mrs. Kathy Kennedy of Ft. Smith, Ark., and Debbie Sanford of Bakersfield, Calif.; a sister, Mrs. Beulah Easley of La Mesa, Tex.; his Parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Sanford of Texarkana; and four grandchildren.

MRS. LOIS ROWLAND

HARRELL, Ark. — Mrs. Lois Catherine Rowland, 64, of Harrell, died Saturday in an El Paraldo, Ark., hospital.

Services were Sunday in the Harrell Baptist Church with the Rev. Orlan Tate and the Rev. Otis Reddin officiating. Burial was in the Oakland Cemetery.

Mrs. Rowland was born Dec. 29, 1906, in Warren, Ark. She was a retired school teacher and a member of the Harrell Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband, R.W. Rowland of Harrell; a brother, Clifton Rowland of Texarkana, and two sisters, Mrs. Gladys Smiley and Miss Mary Rowland, both of Stuttgart, Ark.

Pallbearers were Frank Davis, Laron Smith, Clyde Byrd, Clyde Wright, Arnold Carter, and Everett Apple.

SWADCO gets OEO funding

The Southwest Arkansas Development Council (SWADCO) received a $15,600 grant from the Office of Economic Opportunity Tuesday to provide funds for special manpower developments in seven southwest Arkansas counties.

According to Tom Hudman, SWADCO director, the 18-month planning grant will not directly create any new jobs.

The grant will be used to pay administrative expenses in the planned pre-training testing program to upgrade manpower trainees and could pay some of the expenses required to combine the Neighborhood Youth Corps and Operation Mainstream into one agency, said Hudman.

Hudman said use of the money depends on whether a proposed revenue sharing bill is approved in the United States Congress.

Counties to benefit from the grant will be Miller, Lafayette, Howard, Hempstead, Nevada, Little River and Sevier.

Joe Murrah in custody in Dallas

Joe G. Murrah, 38, of 1611 Rosewood St. Texarkana, Tex., was arrested Tuesday on a warrant from the Dallas, Tex., Police Department charging him with felony theft (over $50).

Murrah, a former Bowie County deputy sheriff, was arrested at his home Tuesday by Det. Sgt. Freddy Sanders and Det. Sgt. John Slover.

Justice of the Peace Perry DeMarce set Murrah's bond at $50,000. He was transported to the Dallas City Jail late Tuesday by two Dallas detectives.

Det. W. A. Weldon of the Dallas Police said Murrah is charged with felony theft in connection with the Aug. 24, 1970, theft of an inboard-outboard boat from the Dallas area. The boat was valued at over $5,000, Det. Weldon said.

EXOTIC FLOWERBED

LOS ALAMITOS, Calif. (UPI) —Police dug up 150 opium plants during the weekend in the yard of a woman who told them she was growing them because they were pretty.

She was really surprised when we told her what they were," said Sgt. Richard Ryan. "She thought they were just poppies."

No action was taken against the woman, who was not identified.

He's been sighted again

Monster--a monkey's uncle

BY BARRY POWELL
Staff Writer

FOUKE, Ark. — The more skeptical persons in the Fouke area have dismissed the Fouke monster as "so much monkey business."

They may be closer to the truth than they realize.

Miller County Sheriff Leslie Greer said a sighting Tuesday of a creature on a gravel road two miles south of Fouke has led officers to believe the creature is a member of the ape family—maybe even a "monkey's uncle."

Sheriff Greer said he believes the creature sighted Tuesday is the same creature that has been several times in the Fouke area since the first monster incident May 1.

Sheriff Greer said Al Williams and A. L. Tipton, both residents of the rural community, spotted the creature as it "slouched" across the road in front of their car early Tuesday.

Greer said the two men told officers they were close enough to see that the creature was either a small ape or a large monkey. "It appeared to be about three or four feet tall as it crouched over and walked across the road," Tipton told officers.

Williams and Tipton were traveling a gravel road about one-fourth of a mile from the soybean field where officers investigated the discovery of strange animal tracks in the field.

Sheriff Greer said he believes the creature spotted Tuesday morning fits the various general descriptions of creatures spotted in the Fouke area since the creature allegedly attacked a resident May 1.

Since that sighting, residents of the Fouke area have been reporting "strange noises," and several have seen creatures and described them as being "seven feet tall, with hair all over and real red eyes."

Sightings of the creature have been reported in the Southwest area of Texarkana, mostly in wooded areas on Oats street. Tracks of a strange animal were reported found in a vacant part of the fertilizer plant near the intersection of Oats Street and Dudley Avenue.

Sheriff Greer said he and several deputies, along with several residents of the area of Fouke where the creature was spotted Tuesday, attempted to set dogs on the trail of the creature.

"The dogs refused to follow the trail," Willie Smith of Fouke, said Tuesday.

Smith, owner of the soybean field where tracks were found Monday, said the dogs could not follow the trail because "it is too hot and the woods are too dry to hold a scent."

Sheriff Greer said another attempt to locate the creature and capture it will be made "if the weather cools off and it rains." Greer said the dogs would be able to follow the trail of the creature if the ground holds some moisture so that the scent of the trail can be followed.

"Evidently the creature is harmless, unless cornered," Sheriff Greer said. "We certainly don't want anyone to shoot the creature, since it does appear to be harmless. We'll try and track it again, and probably shoot it with a tranquilizer gun to capture it."

The sheriff said he feels certain the creature would remain in that area of the county.

The Tuesday sighting of the creature was the second sighting of an ape-like creature in the area since the tracks were found Monday. Sheriff Greer said several women and children who had traveled to the area to look at the prints in the soybean field reported seeing the ape-like creature late Monday.

"I feel like this creature that was seen Tuesday is the same creature that has been reported seen in this area since early May," Sheriff Greer said.

Mutscher subpoenaed in SEC investigation

Gazette's Austin Bureau

AUSTIN, Tex. — House speaker Gus Mutscher and two of his aides have been subpoened to tell their stories to the Security and Exchange Commission investigators looking into the National Bankers Life-Sharpstown Bank controversy.

Mutscher, Rush McGinty, and Pinney C. (Sonny) Schulte have been subpoened to appear along with a number of other persons on July 6-7-8.

Other public officials named in the SEC investigation say they have not been called.

Gov. Preston Smith's office claims he has received no notification of the pre-hearing testimony, and Rep. Tommy Shannon of Fort Worth also claims to have received no notification.

Of the three who admit being called, Mutscher is the only one to have previously made a deposition to the SEC investigators. McGinty and Schulte were named in the original investigation, which alleged that Frank Sharp made a series of loans to public officials in order to gain passage of bills which would have benefitted his business interest, but were never asked to say anything.

Sharp recently pled guilty to two minor charges in the scandal, was fined $5000, and given a three-year probated sentence. It has been reported that Sharp agreed to turn state's evidence in return for being given the small penalty.

The suit alleges that Sharp, 14 other persons and 11 businesses manipulated stock in National Banker's Life Insurance Co. et al.

None of the public officials have been named in the SEC suit which is scheduled to be heard August 30 in Dallas.

Courthouse bids 'out of money'

DAINGERFIELD, Tex. — Morris County Commissioners Court Tuesday received 10 bids on building a courthouse and two on steel for a new jail but none of the bids were within the $500,000 provided by county bond funds.

The commissioners will negotiate with low construction bidder, John Waddell Co. of Longview, "to shave off costs," County Judge Peyton Evans said.

The Waddell bid was $470,000 and low bid on jail steel was $34,712 by a San Antonio firm. Architect fees and, furniture costs are additional and would run total cost well past the half million mark, Evans said.

Hospital fund dinner tonight

The St. Michael Hospital Development Fund kick-off dinner will be at 6 p.m. tonight in the Coffee Cup to initiate the formation of the Special Gifts Division.

Basil Hoag, Sr., and Mrs. Sue Taylor, director of nursing at St. Michael, are co-chairmen of the division, which will offer room memorials ranging from $1500 to $250,000.

In addition to room memorials, an equipment memorial has been approved. The large plaque will be placed in a conspicuous location in the hospital, and for a pledge of $10 per month for 36 months, the donor can have his name of the name of someone he wishes to honor placed on the plaque. For $20 per month for 36 months, a person can his name or the name of someone he wishes to honor inscribed on one of the varied colored tiles in the Mosaic Remembrance, according to fund officials.

Besides the two co-chairmen of the division, six vice-chairmen, 30 team captains and 150 team members comprise the committee. When the division is in full strength, 188 volunteers will be working in the special gifts division.

Over $240,000 in room memorials have been sold at the present time, according to B.A. Lemaer, chairman of the development fund.

Pledges may be made over a three to five year period. These may be paid monthly, quarterly, semi-annually or annually.

Four named to health board

The Bowie County Commissioners Court has appointed medical representatives to the Texarkana-Bowie County Health Board, an agent to work with Texarkana's proposed Juvenile Detention Center and has approved the county's one-year-old liability insurance contract.

The commissioners voted Monday to reappoint Dr. R. H. Harrison, Dr. G. W. Thompson, Dr. James H. Foster and Dr. William B. Harrell to the City-County Board. An equal number of board members are also appointed by the City of Texarkana.

Hugh Harkrider, Bowie probation officer, was appointed as the County's agent in the construction and planning of the proposed Juvenile Detention Center which is to be located in the old Rose Hill Fire Station on West Seventh. Harkrider will sign a contract on behalf of the county for funds to build the center which is to open on January 1, 1972.

A motion to continue the liability insurance contract for the County and its employees was approved by the Court. The Commissioners voted to continue the policy with the Miller Mutual Casualty Insurance Co. through the McWilliams and Heard Agency. The annual premium for blanket liability coverage is $6,040.

The Commissioners Court is composed of County Judge Robert L. Dalby, and Commissioners W. H. McFaul, Leeman H. Michael, Howard Martin and C. E. Tidwell.

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